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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YI ET AL.

Examiner

William C. Vesperman

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/31/2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's election of 7/21/2004.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election of Claims 1 – 5 without traverse of 7/21/2004 in the reply filed on July 26, 2004 is acknowledged.

Claims 6 – 22 are withdrawn without traverse.

The examiner notes that Korean Patent Application No. 2001 – 26227 was submitted and received as indicated in the attached PTOL-326 document.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 2, 3 and 4 are objected to because of the following informalities.

In order to clarify the claims, it is recommended that the claims be changed with the following modifications.

In regards to Claim 2, line 3, after "layers" delete "from a surface of the substrate" and insert – as measured from the upper surface of the substrate --.

In regards to Claim 3, line 3, after "regions" delete "from a surface of the substrate" and insert -- as measured from the upper surface of the substrate --.

In regards to Claim 4, after "identification" delete "from a surface of the substrate" and insert -- as measured from the upper surface of the substrate --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu (US 6,734,931) in view of Minoura (JP 40810653A).

6. In regards to Claim 1, Yu teaches (Figures 3 – 5, columns 3 – 5, lines 64 – 31) a color filter substrate for a liquid crystal display device, comprising a substrate (212); a plurality of black matrix regions (213) on the substrate; a plurality of color filter layers (215), each disposed between adjacent ones of the plurality of black matrix regions; a panel identification (219) at an edge of the substrate spaced apart from the plurality of black matrix regions, the panel identification and the plurality of black matrix regions including a same material; an overcoat layer on the plurality of color filter layers; and a common electrode (ITO) on the overcoat layer.

Yu does not teach that the panel identification and the plurality of color filter layers are formed of the same material.

Minoura teaches (Figures 1 – 6, abstract and constitution) a plurality of black matrix regions (5) adjacent to the color filters (7) and that the identification mark (6) can be formed: (1) at the same time with the colored layers (7) and (2) spaced apart from the plurality of black matrix regions at the edge of the substrate.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to modify the liquid crystal device as taught by Yu and form the panel identification and the plurality of color filter layers of the same material as taught by Minoura.

One would be motivated to form the panel identification and the plurality of color filter layers of the same material as taught by Minoura in order for quality control to detect a problem with the color filters by monitoring the panel identification.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The prior art does not teach or suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations, that an uppermost surface of each of the plurality of black matrix regions, an uppermost surface of each of the plurality of color filter layers, and an uppermost surface of the panel identification are all coplanar.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Matsuyama et al. (US 5,633,739) teaches a color LCD composed of colored filters.

Yoshizawa (JP 02002192534A) teaches a method for manufacturing a microlens array.

Takano (JP 02002311226A) teaches a method for manufacturing color filter for a LCD.


Kiguchi et al. (US 5,952,129) teaches a method of making a color filter.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Vesperman whose telephone number is 571-272-1701. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri., 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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